

I fully support the implementation of an additional HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.40 MHz and at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz. The new allocations will provide relief to the crowded conditions on the 40 meter band, which is shared by high-powered broadcasters, and provide a area for the amateur radio community to experiment.

I believe the new bands should be open to all amateurs of all classes but that phone modes should be limited to General Class and higher. I further believe That sub-allocations for different modes should be consistent with other bands. My personal recommendation would be that non-voice modes occupy 5.250 MHz Through 5.275 MHz and that voice modes should be permitted between 5.275 MHz And 5.400 MHz.

I would also recommend that a sub-allocation from 5.270 to 5.275 MHz be opened to Novice and Technician Plus class holders where they may operate the new digital modes (such as PSK31) with a power output limited to 10 watts. These classes are currently very limited in their ability to communicate effectively with these new modes and an allocation of this nature would provide substantial opportunity to gain familiarity and skills with the latest technological advances.

Thank you.